

# ROCKPOINT

## CHURCH

### **“Donkeys and Stallions”**

**In this week’s message we look at a sequence of events in the life of Jesus and His followers that took place a week before Jesus was crucified. This idea tells us a lot about Jesus, how we want to relate to Him, and how He wants to relate to us.**

1. When have you found yourself in the position where you want God to be God but you want Him to use His “Godness” for what you want or need?
2. Have you ever struggled to have faith when God hasn’t done what you think He should do?

### **Read Matthew 20:17-28**

3. How does the question that James and John’s mother ask Jesus reveal the nature of our human heart?
4. Can you identify yourself in her question? Do you see God as your “powerful servant” who is there to answer your prayers and do what you want Him to do?
5. Why do you think the human tendency is to forget that God actually knows what is best for us?
6. When do you find it easiest to surrender to God and His plans? When is it the hardest?
7. Are you ever afraid that God isn’t going to meet your needs? How does the cross remind us that we can trust Him and that our needs are met in Him?

### **Read Matthew 20:29-34**

8. The two blind men asked the same question as James and John’s mother, but they knew who He was and humbly asked: *“if you see fit.”* When we put Him first in our

hearts and trust Him, we will experience peace regardless of the outcome. When have you experienced this in your life?

9. What do you think your faith would look like if you daily surrendered to Jesus and trusted Him with your life?

**Jesus knows us and sometimes we will get what we ask for, other times we won't. And when we don't, it will reveal who is the God in our hearts: Him or us. If we humbly surrender to Him we will experience the beauty of our Savior and others will see Him for who He really is.**